

other entities, most of whom are salaried, most of whom have far more benefits and protection than does a member of a rural fire district. So I would hope that you, if you need the bill, then you had not ought to turn down the specific language that allows the inclusion of the rural fire districts. I hope that those of you who depend upon the rural fire districts recognize that you are...that by not adopting this amendment you are specifically saying that you don't want them in. I do not believe you want that. I don't think I would want that. I certainly wouldn't want that if I lived out in the country, 12 miles, and thought I had a house of mine burn down sometime. I would not say that there is any threat involved, but I would just be a little slow pulling on my boots some rainy, windy night, I think, if that happened to be the case. I would suggest, ladies and gentlemen, that we have here a fine volunteer organization, and if you need it for the paid, you sure as the devil need it in this instance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall the Schmit...

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...half a minute of my time, I'm sorry.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I did not hear that. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Upon mature reflection, Senator Schmit, you persuaded me. I'll support your amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall the Schmit amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit, you had an amendment printed, Senator, earlier that I understand you want to withdraw.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like to substitute a different amendment, Mr. President, for that amendment. The amendment is 997. (Second Schmit amendment appears on pages 1681-82 of the Legislative Journal.) Yes, Mr. President and members, this is the amendment which I will explain very briefly. I hope that